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**WEATHER REPORT.**

Portland, Dec. 14.—Western Oregon and Western Washington: Cloudy, with probably occasional rain.  
Eastern Oregon, Cloudy, rising temperature.

**REORGANIZATION—IMPERATIVE.**

The Republican party of Astoria is confronted with the solemn and imperative duty of reorganization. The issue of Wednesday's election leaves no other line of organic action open to them. The Democratic party is in the local saddle and has its eyes upon the June contest which will be final for years to come, if it shall fall to them. There is nothing to be gained by dallying with this imperative demand. Flushed with their recent victory, the Democrats will

mean a duplicate victory for them June. The matter is too grave for idle and purposeless controversy; there is but one thing to do. Bury every personal difference, abandon all personal claims, sink every party aim and ideal, until the Republicans of Astoria are re-united and revived upon a new and firmly cemented organization that means something. When this shall be done, then take up personal names and issues and adapt them to the best service of the party and the public. Until this is done the party is hopeless as to immediate future achievement, and the doing of it will be the first and best service that can be rendered. There must be no haggling over men, no paltering with equivocal measures. The party, within itself, must be strengthened, renewed and put to work along popular lines, to render to the City of Astoria the good and efficient service it alone can render when it will. The bugbear of a "Citizens'" party has been removed; it has been absolutely absorbed and digested by the Democrats, and the Democrats constitute the one and only opponent the Republicans have to confront. This is plain, but practical talk, and the sooner it is heeded, the better for the Republican party and for the City of Astoria.

**FARCE AT AN END.**

For several years the political term "Citizens'" party, "Citizens'" council, "Citizens'" administration, "Citizens'" this, that and the other thing, have been the slogan and rallying call in this city. The fool farce is at an end. With an appreciative sense of the real good once done by the original Citizens' coalition in this city, we bid adieu to the old and actual organization, and hail its successor to the municipal political field. The Democrats have skillfully and deliberately absorbed the best man and utility of the Citizens' party and functions, and there is no use bandying words about it. It has been so cleverly done the very absorbers are still unconscious of the hocus-pocus and will not realize it until some issue is raised that conflicts with Democratic program, and then it will be too late; the Democrats are very thorough in

their political work, and the one-time "Citizens'" will soon find whom he has made his master. So be it. The political alignments in the City of Astoria, from this day forth, are the Republicans and Democrats. These, and these only.

**THE POPULAR MANDATE.**

The very strength of the majorities cast at Wednesday's election constitute its most unequivocal feature. Had they been moderate there might have been room for misleading ambiguities and unwholesome doubts that would have prolonged a situation that was acute enough as it was. The popular mandate is for an open town; no editorial nor other siphistry can obliterate that fact, and it is a waste of time to indulge in it. In good time the mandate will be fulfilled to the last vestige of its authority, and the sooner so, the better the arbiters of Astoria's future will be pleased. The people do not like their edicts bandied about or dawdled with. The Democrats are charged with the duty of undoing the work of Sheriff Linville and the sooner they get at it the better. Of course they are going to use caution and not make "ducks and drakes" of the prestige they have gained, but that they will carry out the utter measure of the popular bidding need not be discounted nor doubted.

**U. S. SENATOR J. M. GEARIN.**

The Astorian has one single objection to the appointment of John M. Gearin to the federal senate. He is a Democrat. We admit it is insuperable but it is all the objection we can find, and no self-respecting Republican paper is going to forgo its sole chance for objection. Otherwise Mr. Gearin is entirely acceptable. He is in his prime, a broad minded, liberal, far-seeing, well-trained publicist, with the pride of State behind him and of large and wholesome grasp on public affairs. He will ably second every effort of his colleague, Senator Fulton, in the urgent work of securing the indispensable appropriations for the development of the great public works underway in this State, nor are we afraid to trust him upon the less tangible and more ethical issues that confront men in his position. We wish him a pleasant year of service and congratulate the State upon the selection made by the Governor.

**THE DANDY IDAHO.**

launched at an American yard in the last two years. These vessels are divided into three classes, five having a displacement of 16,000 tons and a speed of eighteen knots, five others displacing only 15,000 tons and developing a little higher speed, while the Idaho and her sister (the Mississippi) will displace not more than 13,000 tons and are not expected to travel faster than seventeen knots. Nevertheless, the smallest and slowest ships of the dozen ought to possess fine fighting qualities. Their armor belt above the waterline is two inches thinner than that of the Connecticut and the Virginia, but the turrets and barbettes afford as much protection as do the corresponding features of the two other classes of ships. What is more, the main batteries of the three are identical, being composed of four 12-inch and eight 8-inch guns. For broadside fire the Idaho and Mississippi will have eight 7-inch rifles, and it is doubtful whether the twelve 6-inch rifles of the Virginia can do any better execution. Inasmuch as the Connecticut will mount twelve 7-inch rifles, she will have a slight advantage over the ship which went down the ways lately, but the difference is relatively small. The designers of the Idaho are not likely to feel ashamed of their work.

**INCARNATE CONDITIONS.**

If half that is told of General Sakharoff is true, he was a monster of cruelty, of whom the world may be glad to be rid. Yet it was a hideous thing to "remove" him by assassination, and the tragedy is another ominous sign of the times in Russia. It emphasizes the fatuous wickedness of those who are fomenting disorder in order to compel reaction and abandonment of reforms. It is doubtful if complete reaction would now be possible, even if the czar should attempt it, for reaction and repression require force, and where in all Russia is a sufficient and trustworthy force for that purpose now to be found? With all the army loyal it would be a tremendous task to suppress such an uprising as is now in progress. With the army honeycombed with disaffection and regiments daily deserting to the side of the revolutionists, and with the navy practically annihilated, the task would seem to be hopeless. It is truly said that Count Witte's burdens grow heavier day by day. It must be regarded as equally true that whoever wantonly adds to their weight, on either side is a foe to the Russian fatherland.

**EXCELS THE VERY RUSSIANS.**

According to the dispatches the sultan has yielded to the powers. The sultan always yields when the powers exert sufficient pressure, but the moment the pressure is removed he forgets all about his promises and allows things to go on in the same old way. Perhaps it will be different this time, but it is safe to say that the financial reforms he has pledged himself to carry into effect in Macedonia will come to a full stop the first time a complication arises in European politics that will destroy the concert. In fact, the sultan is being required to yield up the first fundamental of sovereignty in Macedonia—the right to collect and dispose of revenue. The powers insist that the taxes shall be collected and expended by a commission over which the Sublime Porte has practically no control. Thus Macedonia, while nominally remaining a Turkish province, will be financially independent and really under the protection of the six great Christian powers of Europe. The conditions prevailing in Macedonia justify some drastic measure of amendment, but it must be admitted that the right of the sultan to rule in his own dominion is sharply challenged by the system the powers insist shall be established in Macedonia.

**TIME SMOOTHS ALL THINGS.**

"Bicycles," said Judge Burke in his opinion rendered in the case of Thompson vs. Dodge, 58 Minnesota, 55, "are vehicles used now very extensively for convenience, recreation, pleasure and business, and the riding of one upon the public highway in the ordinary manner, as is now done, is neither unlawful nor prohibited, and they cannot be banished because they were not ancient vehicles and used in the Garden of Eden by Adam and Eve."

This decision and the reasoning of it can be quoted against the opponents of the automobile, who are to be found mostly in more or less remote rural regions. Opposition has never succeeded in driving out of existence any machine or contrivance that contributes to the comfort, convenience or profit of any considerable portion of the public. It is true that the automobile frightens most horses on country roads and is a source of danger through the perverse passion for fast driving that possesses nine automobilists out of ten, but these are evils that time will remedy. Horses will become accustomed to the automobile when the novelty or the sport wears off the desire for great speed will abate. It will be remembered that the outcry against the bicycle a few years ago laid stress on the "scorching" proclivities of the wheelmen; but who ever hears of an objection to the bicycle nowadays on that ground?

The newly appointed Governor of New Mexico declares himself in favor of joint statehood "if it can be secured on equitable terms." Equitable terms in such a case is a rare conceit. However, President Roosevelt also favors joint statehood and he has appointed Governor Hagerman, it is not surprising that the latter should be of the same mind.

If true, as one newspaper account indicates, that an Italian who can speak scarcely any English is armed as watchman of a great New York building, it might be regarded as almost inevitable that somebody would get shot sometime.

Having heard from Carnegie, there is only lacking an opinion on immigration from one of the organ grinders who come over and get enough to establish themselves back there.

For Congress to go into the business of making rates will be complicated, now that the general passenger agents say Congressmen have really to begin paying them.

There seems to be no indications that the regular football abolition season is over for this year.

The Russian revolutionists who want to kill Father Gapon rather surprise the world, which had supposed they were running so short of material.

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